

**Monsignor Karl's Korner**



We all know when we have our throats blessed for the Feast of St. Blaise, that Lent is just a few weeks away! I thought with the dreadful weather we have been having and that winter is far from

losing her force, I will get this Korner message in!

Archbishop Donald Wuerl has once again asked all priests to be in the forefront of Lenten obligations and rituals in the Archdiocese. *"The Light is On for You"* has been an annual theme in the Archdiocese for the last three years, and one that has worked well. Ideally, the day picked by His Excellency, was Wednesday evenings for one hour of confessions. We did in fact, give it a try at St. George two years ago, but found it was just Monsignor and his faithful Guardian angel alone in the confessional! Last year, by "Divine Inspiration", we chose to do this after Sunday Masses – to hear confessions, and "by George" it was very successful. The way I figured, I heard the confessions of at least 75% of the parish during the five Sundays of Lent. I know this to be true by how "holy" everyone was for Easter! All kidding aside, I will employ the Archbishop's request, *"The Light is On for You"* on the Sundays of Lent, after all the Masses this year. What is going to be nice is that hopefully, we will be using our new confessional either the first or second Sunday of Lent. I say that because we are still tweaking a few things to make the environment safe and pleasant for both saint and sinner alike.

The Archbishop has also asked me as Dean, to seek out a parish in the St. Mary's County deanery to sponsor a Eucharistic pilgrimage, where folks can gain graces during the Wednesdays of Lent and worship before the Blessed Sacrament and to view a visual display of famous Eucharistic miracles within the history of the church. What I believe the Archdiocese is trying to do is illustrate the grace of Eucharistic devotion with the sacrament of Penance. Why? Because some of the greatest priest-confessors would always send their people to pray before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament by which the penitent would be more open to the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and make a more sincere confession. I will let you know once we learn of the pastor who will sponsor this event and a parish that is near a major road so as to be accessible to drivers, especially at night.

Along with this great opportunity of the sacrament of confession we will have the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent, which will culminate with the living Stations of the Cross the last Friday before Palm Sunday. Again, I write this as an early reminder that we can make plans to have a joyful and beautiful Lent as we strive to perfect ourselves in some little way and thus win the favor of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loves us all.

**The New "Calm-Down" Room**

Next to our newly renovated Reconciliation Room, which affords face to face and private screen confessions, is our new "calm-down" room. This room, formerly called the "cry room", is no more. The "calm down room" is intended for parents to take their little ones to calm them down and then return to the main church once that is done. Sometimes it takes the entire mass to accomplish this, and this is fine, but once your little one is "calmed down", bring him/her back into the main church, Let's see how this works. I like the word 'calm' vs. 'cry' room. I love to see the little ones at mass, whether in the calm-down room or inside the main church.



**Church Regulations Regarding Fast and Abstinence**

**Abstinence** from meat (meat or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on **all the Fridays of Lent**.

**Fasting** means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon., Feb. 15	9:00 AM	Rev. Christopher Twohig
Tues., Feb.16	9:00 AM	Anthony Chimiak
<b>Wed. Feb. 17</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Robert &amp; Dorothy Blackwell Family (L)</b>
<b>Wed., Feb. 17</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Donald Hayden</b>
Thur., Feb. 18	9:00 AM	Rev. Thomas S. Schaefer
Fri., Feb.19	9:00 AM	Vera Dilworth
Sat., Feb. 20	5:00 PM	Paul Baker
Sun., Feb. 21	8:30 AM	George Queen & Mildred Forbes
Sun., Feb. 21	11:00 AM	Ronald Evans

**PARISH FINANCE**

**Offertory February 7, 2010**

General Collection (snow weekend)	\$1,131.20
Vestibule Fund	369.00
Forward in Faith	696.00
Poor Box	22.00

*Gratitude for your faithful parish support.*

**PRAYERS**

**Please remember the sick of our parish:** especially Franklin Adams, Louise Adams, Ellen Andrews, Thomas Barnes, Agnes Geneva Blackwell, Catherine Briscoe, Ann Clayton, Alice Countess, Paul Dickens, Joan Dorsey, Mary Dyson, Kristin Hibbs, Gail Holden, Dorothy Lampkin, Alverta Lawrence, Mary Nellie Lawrence, Theresa Lawrence, Frances Morgan, John Mundie, Gloria Robinson, Marian Slade, infant Christian Joshua Taylor, Arianna Tiger.



**Others in need of our prayers** (requested by parishioners):

All members of our military and their families. Victims and survivors of the earthquake in Haiti. Charles Andrews, Richard Bowen, Sarah Burch, Byrn, Betty Coffman, Shannon Copp, Benjamin Countess, Caroline Countess, Arielle Davis, Phyllis Davis, Ronald Dews, Fran Dicus, Ray Dicus, Julie Marable Donaldson, Diane Dorsey, Sister Louise Dowgiallo, OSB, George Fairfax, Ruth Farr, John Gateau, Mary Gavarinski, Paul Greenwell, James Gross, Judy Guffie, Jack Gumtow, Sue Hoag, Mary Ann Hulth, Barbara Hunter, Wendy Jackson, Cathleen Johnson, Bill Keeton, Vivian Keeton, William Kelmickis, Lois Krzeski, Cathy LaBelle, Lee Lancaster, Ann Lanctot, Dr. Claude Lanctot, Lovetta Lawrence, Danny Mahoney, Joseph Martin, Doris Mattingly, Dee Mauer, J. P. McCord, Barbara McDonnell, Maria McGuigan, Beverly McKay, Beth Meister, Vicki Moak, Margaret Murray, David Peixeira, John Pierce, Donna Poudrier, Tom Puckett, Eleanor Raley, Sharon Redman, Tony Reeves, Carol Rice, Mary Sue Robinson, James Ronan, Loretta Rule, Nancy Schmidt, Raymond Schmidt, Hunter Scott, Ami Shah, Evaon Shroeder, Palma Sileo, Sister Mary Rebecca, RSM, Sister Rose Bernard Tarleton, Matthew Thomas, Dewayne Thompson, Jennie Umas, Rose Varela, Tom & Liz Warren, Elizabeth Weatherly, Gracie Webb, Bette Werner, Eugene Wright, Bob Ziebol.

**DECEASED** Please pray for the soul of **Rev. Levester Jones**, pastor of St. Joseph Parish, Largo, Maryland. *May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

**ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL 2010**  
**In-Pew Solicitation – February 13/14**  
*"I Will Give You Thanks, O Lord"*

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Sun., Feb. 14** No C.C.D./R.C.I.A. – **President's Day**  
**Wed., Feb. 17** **Ash Wednesday – Mass and Distribution of ashes 9 AM and 7 PM.**  
**No Choir Practice this evening**  
**Fri., Feb. 19** **Lenten Stations of the Cross, 7 PM**  
**Sat., Feb. 20** **Rosary Devotion, 4:30 PM, in Church**

**C.C.D. NEWS**

**Sun., Feb. 14** "Teen Timeline" for high school teens, 6-7:30 PM, **Community Center.** Bring a friend and come to smile, laugh and learn!!  
**Sun., Feb. 28** **Confirmation Assessment, 9:45 AM**



**Southern Maryland Youth Day – March 13, 2010**

Open to 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. God calls all of us to great holiness. Keynote speaker is Dan DeMatte from, A&E hit mini-series *God or the Girls*. Register: [www.stmaryscatholicyouth.com](http://www.stmaryscatholicyouth.com) and download the Release and Consent Form to be turned into the Church Office. (The website is very thorough and should answer any questions. If not, call Kim Browne, 301-994-0638).

**Take Time This Lent . . . (Six minutes a Day)**

"Little Black Books" are at the church entrances this weekend. It is hoped that you will enjoy these short daily gospel meditations during the 50 days of Lent. Preparation for Lent, however, starts today, February 14 with three days getting ready for this holy season.

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY of The Gospel of Luke, begins Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 10 AM and Thursday, March 4 at 7 PM.** New people wishing to join, please call Carol Fugate, 301-994-3659 as soon as possible so adequate supplies can be ordered. Enjoy fun and fellowship. No bible knowledge necessary to benefit!

**LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL NEWS**

**Annual Benefit Auction, Sat., Feb. 27** Tickets are \$30 per person or \$45 per couple (includes a fully catered dinner by Catering Plus and Chef Al Porter.) Auction tickets only are available for \$15 per person/\$25 per couple. Doors open at 5:30 PM for dinner, followed by the 7 PM silent auction and 8 PM live auction, Items up for bid may be viewed at [www.lfsauction.webs.com](http://www.lfsauction.webs.com). info, L. F. S., 301-994-0404.  
**"500 Club"** memberships are currently being sold. This is a monthly raffle with prizes each month totaling \$950. Your chances of winning each month are 1 in 8. Cost: \$100/year, payable quarterly or annually. Info: C. Damon, 240-398-0157  
**Mulch Sale Annual Spring Mulch Sale, March 20, 2010.** 3 cubic foot bag of hardwood mulch, \$3.85. All orders must be received by **March 5**. For more info or to order, call Susan Hammel, 301-862-4861 or [kachmannj@verizon.net](mailto:kachmannj@verizon.net).

**AREA NEWS**

**Sun., Feb. 14 All You Can Eat Breakfast, by Valley Lee 2<sup>nd</sup> Dist. F.D. & RS Auxiliary. 8-11 AM.** Adults \$8; \$4 child 5-12; 5 and under, free. Delicious food.  
**Mon., Feb. 15 Red Cross Blood Drive, Valley Lee F.D. & R.S., 2 – 7:30 PM.** Theme: *Recycle Life* - donating blood is like donating a part of yourself. To schedule an appointment or need information, call 1-800-Give Life; however, walk-ins are welcome.  
**Mon., Feb. 15 Catholic Lobby Night, Annapolis. "Testimony of Charity"**. Info: [www.mdcathcon.org](http://www.mdcathcon.org)  
**Tues., Feb. 16 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 5-7 PM. Valley Lee FD & RS.** Scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links, assorted juices, milk, coffee. \$6 adults; \$3 kids 6-12 years. Under 6 Free.  
**Sat., Feb. 20 Tales & Music from Africa and the Carolinas. Storyteller & Musician, Walter Jones, Jr.** Lexington Park Library, 2 PM. FREE  
**Sat., Feb. 20 K of C Swing & Ballroom Dance, Little Flower School Gym.** Lesson: 7-8 PM; Dance 8-11 PM. Adults \$8 single; \$15 couples. Students & Seniors \$5 person. Info: 301-862-9570.

**Plan Ahead . . .**

**Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier, March 4 - March 12 at St. George Church, after morning mass.**

SCHEDULES:	ALTAR SERVERS	ORGANIST/CANTOR	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	GREETERS	SCRIPTURE READINGS
<b>Wed., Feb. 17</b> <b>9:00 AM</b>		B. Carpenter	P. Browne A. Fenwick	Deacon L'Heureux		Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2
<b>Wed., Feb. 17</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	E. Carpenter E. Carpenter	B. Carpenter B. Barnes	J. Carpenter D. Orwig	Deacon L'Heureux	Volunteer Volunteer	Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Sat., Feb. 20</b> <b>5:00 PM</b>	R. Anderson M. Bowes	B. Carpenter	K. Owens C. Galli	Deacon L'Heureux	G. Adams Volunteer	First: Dt 26:4-10
<b>Sun., Feb. 21</b> <b>8:30 AM</b>	D. Walter K. Walter R. Walter	B. Carpenter J. Heather	D. Adams R. Baliko	B. Adams	H. Young T. Goddard	Second: Rm 10:8-13
<b>Sun., Feb. 21</b> <b>11:00 AM</b>	E. Carpenter E. Carpenter M. Ojo	B. Carpenter C. Kolman	T. Buckler T. Galligan	J. Carpenter	M. Kibler J. Robison	Gospel: Lk 4:1-13

**Daily Mass Lectors, Feb. 15, 16, 18, 19:** D. Adams, J. Blackwell, A. Fenwick, M. Goldsmith  
**Meals on Wheels, Feb. 16, 17, 18:** R. Errington, V. Worch & P. Walker, J. McKay

**Altar Preparation, Feb. 20:** C. Cantrill

**Flowers on the altar this weekend** are in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Walter and Wanda Chimiak, gift of their son, Msgr. Karl A. Chimiak.



